

Blue Ridge Wealth Services

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To Enroll, Please Call:
(833) 325-1766
Or Visit:
<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>
Enrollment Code: <<Enrollment>>

December 1, 2021

<<FirstName>> <<LastName>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear <<FirstName>> <<LastName>>,

Blue Ridge Wealth Services is writing to inform you of an incident that may have involved your personal information. We take the privacy and security of our company information very seriously. Therefore, we are writing to inform you of the incident, and advise you of certain steps you can take to help protect your personal information, including activating the identity monitoring services we are offering at no cost to you.

What Happened? In August 2021, we gathered sufficient information to notify you about an incident that occurred at Blue Ridge Wealth Services. The incident, which began on August 17, 2020, involved an unknown person attempting to send email from a company account. Although we had no information that any person's information was compromised, we immediately engaged an expert cyber security firm to investigate the matter. While at this time we still have no evidence that any information was misused, out of an abundance of caution we are providing identity theft protection to those whose information may have been in the affected account.

What Information Was Involved? The files that may have been accessed by the unauthorized individual contained names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers.

What Are We Doing? As soon as we discovered the incident, we took the steps described above. In addition, we have secured the services of IDX to provide credit and identity monitoring at no cost to you for 12 months. IDX is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring includes complimentary credit monitoring for a year through IDX. The IDX services include: credit monitoring; identity monitoring; \$1 million in identity theft expense reimbursement insurance; and fraud prevention and resolution support.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18, have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file. Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

Please note you must enroll by March 1, 2022. If you have questions or need assistance, please call IDX at (833) 325-1766.

What You Can Do: Please review the enclosed "Additional Resources" section included with this letter. It describes additional steps you can take to help safeguard your information, including recommendations by the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file. We also encourage you to activate the complimentary identity monitoring services we are making available through IDX.

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For More Information: If you have questions or need assistance, please call (833) 325-1766, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Please have your membership number ready.

Protecting your information is important to us. Please know that we take this incident very seriously, and deeply regret any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Rongo

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President
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Steps You Can Take to Further Protect Your Information

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <http://www.annualcreditreport.com/>, calling toll-free 877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print this form at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf>. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

TransUnion	Experian	Equifax	Free Annual Report
P.O. Box 1000	P.O. Box 9532	P.O. Box 105851	P.O. Box 105281
Chester, PA19016	Allen, TX 75013	Atlanta, GA 30348	Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-909-8872	1-888-397-3742	1-800-685-1111	1-877-322-8228
www.transunion.com	www.experian.com	www.equifax.com	www.annualcreditreport.com

Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least 90 days. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>.

Security Freeze: Under U.S. law, you have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

Additional Free Resources: You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state. Contact information for the FTC is: **Federal Trade Commission**, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.consumer.ftc.gov and www.ftc.gov/idtheft, 1-877-438-4338. Residents of New York, Maryland, North Carolina, and Rhode Island can obtain more information from their Attorneys General using the contact information below.

New York Attorney General Bureau of Internet and Technology Resources	Maryland Attorney General	North Carolina Attorney General	Rhode Island Attorney General
28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005 ifraud@ag.ny.gov 1-212-416-8433	200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 www.oag.state.md.us 1-888-743-0023	9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699 www.ncdoj.gov 1-877-566-7226	150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 www.riag.ri.gov 401-274-4400

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information, as well as others. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf.

